

SESSION 01-02 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

SUMMARY RECORD

The Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met via conference call on 22 May 2001. Ms. Isabel Studer (Mexico) chaired the meeting. Ms. Norine Smith and Dr. Alan Hecht represented Canada and United States respectively. Ms. Liette Vasseur represented JPAC and Ms. Janine Ferretti, Executive Director, represented the Secretariat. Mr. Cristóbal Vignal, Council Secretary, acted as secretary for the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat were also in attendance.

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda based on the provisional agenda (Annex A).

Item 2 Report by the Executive Director

The Executive Director offered to complement her previous report with an update on any new activities, at the next session of Alternate Representatives.

Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC

The JPAC Chair reported on the status of the draft lessons learned report relating to citizen submissions under Articles 14 and 15. She acknowledged receipt of the Council's response to the JPAC letters dated 30 October 2000 concerning comments submitted by The Friends of the Oldman River—in the context JPAC's review of the history of the Articles 14 and 15 submissions process—and the Symposium on Understanding the Linkages between Trade and Environment.

She indicated that JPAC would be holding a Regular Session in conjunction with the Symposium on the Evolving North American Electricity Market at the end of November 2001 in San Diego and reiterated JPAC's desire to organize a public meeting on Article 10(6)—in March 2002, in Mexico—with trade and environment officials.

On the provisional program for the June Council Session, she welcomed the rescheduling of the second portion of JPAC's joint meeting with the Council and of the public meeting to the morning of 29 June. She conveyed JPAC's intention to make a report to Council on the results of the JPAC roundtables and workshop on Green Goods and Services during the second portion of its joint meeting with Council.

The JPAC Chair concluded her report by thanking Canada and Mexico for having made their appointments to JPAC.

The Canadian Alternate Representative took the opportunity to inform the JPAC Chair that Canada is expecting to make formal announcements shortly relating appointments to the North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation and the National Advisory Committee. She also invited the JPAC Chair to further explain the objective of the proposed meeting on Article 10(6) with Environment and Trade officials and the public.

Item 4 Approval of Summary Record

The Alternate Representatives approved the summary record of their previous session held via conference call on 9 April 2001 (Session 01-01).

Item 5 2001 Regular Session of the Council

The Alternate Representatives and the JPAC Chair exchanged general views on the format of the public session and agreed that the interaction between the public and the Council should be maximized to provide an opportunity for the public to engage in a substantive dialogue with the ministers.

The Secretariat presented revision number 3 of the draft annotated agenda for the Council's in-camera session and indicated that —at the request of Mexico— it would provide the Parties with a Secretariat Note setting the basis for the Council's discussion on the strategic directions (item 4).

Mexico further elaborated on the desire to focus the ministers' discussion on how the CEC can be strengthened in the context of North American integration at this new juncture. In that regard, Mexico asked the Secretariat to provide a review of major CEC accomplishments since the Shared Agenda for Action was adopted by the Council in 1998, in Mérida. The Alternate Representatives agreed to further discuss the outcome expected from ministers' discussion on the strategic vision at their next session. The Mexican representative invited her counterparts to exchange views in advance of their next session.

The Alternate Representatives agreed that the items related to Partnerships and Capacity Building should be integrated in the discussion on the strategic direction. They also agreed that a specific time should be set aside in the agenda to discuss the JPAC report on Lessons Learned, and asked JPAC if the final version of its report could be presented at the next session of Alternate Representative. Canada and the United States welcomed Mexico's offer to share a concrete proposal on natural resources at the 4-5 June meeting. The General Standing Committee was asked to assess the extent to which the discussion on the program update should be included in the Council's agenda, in light of time constraints.

The Alternate Representatives further agreed that representatives of the national and governmental advisory committee be invited to attend the joint Council/JPAC sessions, as observers.

Item 6 Other issues

No other issues were discussed.

Item 7 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives

The Alternate Representatives confirmed their next meeting to be held in Montreal on 4-5 June 2001.

Item 8 Closure of the session

The Chairperson closed the session.

**SESSION 01-02 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES
AGENDA**

Held via conference call on 22 May 2001
From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Eastern time)
(10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Mexico time)

- Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda
- Item 2 Report by the Executive Director
- Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC
- Item 4 Adoption of Summary Record
- Item 5 2001 Regular Session of the Council
- Item 6 Next session of Alternate Representatives
- Item 7 Closure of the session

**SESSION 01-02 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES
ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The Council shall adopt the agenda for the session based on the provisional agenda (*Rule 9.6 of Council Rules of Procedure*).

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Draft annotated agenda (distributed 16-05-2001) C/C.01/01-02/AGEN/01/Rev.1

Item 2 Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director will briefly address the Council and present them with a written report on Secretariat activities and matters requiring their attention. (*Rule 5.3 of Council Rules of Procedure*).

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Report of the Executive Director (distributed at Session 01-01)

Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC

Under this item the JPAC Chair will provide an update to the Alternate Representatives on JPAC activities.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Summary Record of JPAC Session 01-01 held on 16 March 2001 (distributed 20-04-01)
- b) Letter dated 2 May 2001 from the JPAC Chair to Martha Kostuch with respect to the Council's decision concerning the Articles 14 and 15 issues raised by Friends of the Oldman river in a letter dated 30 October 2000 (distributed 2-05-01)
- c) Letter dated 18 April 2001 from the Council to the JPAC Chair relating to the Friends of the Oldman River's comments on the JPAC Public Review of issues related to Articles 14 and 15 (distributed 18-04-01)
- d) Letter dated 27 August 2000 from The Friends of the Oldman River to JPAC relating to the Draft JPAC public review of issues related to Articles 14 and 15
- e) Letter dated 15 May 2001 from JPAC Chair to Alternate Representative relating to the proposed public meeting with trade and environment officials on Article 10(6)

Item 4 Adoption of Summary Record

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R.11), the Executive Director prepared the summary record of Session 01-01. Speakers have submitted corrections to the summary of their remarks (R.11). The Alternate Representatives are expected to approve the summary record.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Session 01-01 draft Summary Record (distributed 16-05-01) C/C.01/01-01/SR/01/Rev.3

Item 5 2001 Regular Session of the Council

Under this item, the Parties are invited to lock-in the general program and agenda items for the 8th Regular Session of the Council to be held on 28-29 June 2001 in Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico.

Item 5.1 General program and format of the public session

The Alternate Representatives are expected to exchange views on the provisional general program, based on the time of arrival and departure of their respective Council members, and lock-in the various elements of the program. The host country is invited to specify the exact location of the session and provide information relating to social events, if any.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Preliminary general program (distributed 16-05-2001) C/01-00/PROG/01/Rev.3
b) Preliminary program of events opened to the public (distributed 16-05-01) C/01-00/PROG/02
c) Format of public session (to be distributed by MX)
d) Proposed timeline for the preparation of the 2001 Session of the Council (distributed 16-05-01) C/01-00/PLAN/02/Rev.6

Item 5.2 Provisional annotated agenda

The Alternate Representatives are invited to finalize the provisional annotated agenda and advance the discussion on the substantive issues of the agenda for the Council's in-camera session. This discussion will serve as guidance to the Secretariat in developing the draft communiqué.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Provisional annotated agenda, Rev. 3 (to be distributed 17-05-01)
b) Outline of Session communiqué (to be distributed 17-05-01)

Item 6 Other issues

At the time of writing no other issues were proposed under this item.

Item 7 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives

The Alternate Representatives may wish to consider scheduling a conference call between the next session of Alternate Representatives to be held on 4-5 June 2001 in Montreal and the Council session on 28-29 June.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Schedule of sessions of Alternate Representatives for 2001 (distributed 16-05-01) C/C.01/01-01/PLAN/01/Rev.4

Item 8 Closure of the session

The Chairperson is expected to close the session.